



Town of Wyoming
Council Meeting
Wyoming Town Annex
September 12, 2011
7:30 P.M.

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rife called the Meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

PLEDGE – Mayor Rife

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR TROOPS – Mayor Rife

Council attending: Mayor Dale Rife, Vice-Mayor Terry Witt, Secretary Jacqueline Stokes, Treasurer Georgette Williams, Councilwoman Tracy Greenwood

Council absent: None

Staff attending: Town Clerk Pamela Haddick, Police Lieutenant Martin Willey

Audience attending: Elaine Bilow, Richard & Joyce Stockslager, Todd Marenholz, Lisa Fulcher, Louise Fair, Mike Quinn

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- *Ms. Stokes made a motion to adopt the agenda. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.*

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- *Mr. Witt made a motion to approve the previous month's minutes as follows:
080111 Council Meeting
080111 Executive Session
080411 Special Council Meeting
Ms. Stokes seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Ms. Williams gave the Treasurer's Report.
- She also stated that it is time to renew our \$50,000. Line of Credit with 1st National Bank. We have never needed to use it but it is good to have in case of an emergency. *Mr. Witt made a motion seconded by Ms. Greenwood to renew the line of credit. All in favor; none opposed.*

- Ms. Williams also discussed the status of the audit and notified Council that the auditors recommended that the office needs new computers, especially Nicole. Ms. Williams gave a copy of the quote received from our computer tech, Paul, which he got off the state bid. *Mr. Witt made a motion seconded by Ms. Stokes to purchase 2 computers at \$1,066.28 each per the bid. All in favor; none opposed.*
- Ms. Williams brought up the electronic door locks. The front door lock is broken and cannot be fixed due to its age. The police door still works but is allowed to be locked by key. We are paying \$156.00 quarterly and only getting half the service. She is recommending discontinuation of the contract with Advantech. *Mr. Witt made a motion seconded by Ms. Stokes to discontinue the contract with Advantech. All in favor; none opposed.*

POLICE REPORT – LT. MARTIN WILLEY

- Lt. Willey gave the police report for June. The written report is part of the packet.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- There was no one available from the Fire Company to give a report.

PLANNING & ZONING

- There was no one present to give a report.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT/ CODE VIOLATION REPORT

- The open building permit report is in the packets.
- Mr. Snyder went over the public nuisances with Council as follows:
 - 230 Railroad Avenue – garage – violations taken care of
 - 212 Lake Drive – house, fence, yard, car – violations taken care of
 - 6 N. Mechanic Street – fence and front porch – property under new ownership and new owners are completely gutting house and have stated that they will be fixing fence; however, they need to finish the house first so that they can move in – Council agreed to give them some more time
 - 46 Mechanic Street – porch, yard & fence – nothing has been done – *Ms. Stokes made a motion seconded by Ms. Greenwood to contact the attorney and move to the next step. All in favor; none opposed.*
 - 48 Mechanic Street – house & yard – nothing has been done – *Ms. Williams made a motion seconded by Ms. Stokes to contact the attorney and move to the next step. All in favor; none opposed.*
 - 5 N. Layton Avenue – fence and front porch – *Ms. Williams made a motion seconded by Ms. Stokes to contact the attorney and move to the next step. Ms. Williams, Ms. Stokes, Ms. Greenwood in favor; Mr. Witt abstaining from vote; none opposed.*
 - 9 South Drive – yard – some work has been done, waiting for Delmarva Power to complete, bushes at stop sign still need to be removed – *Mr. Witt motioned to table this property until next month & send owners letter about bushes. Ms. Stokes seconded motion. All in favor; none opposed.*
 - 13 North Street – porch & tree – violations taken care of
 - 32 S. Caesar Rodney Avenue – yard – *Ms. Williams made a motion seconded by Ms. Stokes to send letter giving property owner until October 1st to complete clean-up that has been started. Council will revisit at the October 3rd meeting. All in favor; none opposed.*
 - 38 S. Caesar Rodney Avenue – yard – *Ms. Greenwood made a motion seconded by Ms. Stokes to send a letter to the property owner stating that we will work with him*

but this issue will be revisited at the October 3rd meeting hoping to see progress. All in favor; none opposed.

- 21 Meadow Avenue – ditch – table until Mr. Enright from DNREC, Senator Bushweller and Representative Blakey can be contacted
- 8 S. Layton Avenue – porch, garage & yard – property owner was present and Council and Mr. Snyder told him specifically what needs to be done. He was agreeable. *Ms. Greenwood made a motion seconded by Ms. Stokes to revisit this property at the October 3rd Council Meeting. All in favor; none opposed.*
- 12 S. Layton Avenue – yard – property owner was present and told he must have his painting done and the scaffold removed by October 1st. He was agreeable. *Mr. Witt made a motion seconded by Ms. Stokes to revisit this property at the October 3rd Council Meeting. All in favor; none opposed.*
- 10 S. Layton Avenue – yard – no improvements have been done – *Ms. Stokes made a motion seconded by Ms. Greenwood to contact the attorney and move to the next step. All in favor; none opposed.*
- 122 E. Broad Street – yard & porch – *Ms. Williams made a motion seconded by Ms. Stokes to send a letter to the property owner giving until October 1st to remove the trash and brush and work on the trees growing up through the foundation. This will be revisited at the October 3rd Council Meeting. All in favor; none opposed.*

C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- Mr. Mike Quinn reported that the Authority should be finished with the work being done on Meadow Avenue within 1 month. He also read a letter sent to him by a resident on Meadow thanking the Authority for the work that has been done and the neatness in which they did the work and cleaned up after themselves.

PARK/STREET REPORT

- Mr. Terry Witt reported that the Park is doing well. A tree went down in the hurricane but Lew is getting it cleaned up. There has been some minor vandalism in the bathrooms. In the spring there will be a Park Project coming through grant money. A presentation will be put on when it is time to start. It will include new benches and new grills in addition to plantings and walkways.
- Discussion ensued about parking on Caesar Rodney Avenue near the Post Office and on Grant Street. Ms. Williams will try to contact Rodney Mitchell to see if Post Office staff could park on his vacant property as there is a paved area there and it is near to the post office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Peach Festival – Ms. Stokes stated that the Peach Festival went well. It was nice to see the police in attendance.

GOOD NEWS

- Mayor Rife stated that she had some Good News pertaining to the Peach Festival. She announced that the Town has issued a Certificate of Appreciation to the Peach Festival Committee for the many hours of time and energy that they all donate to have the Peach Festival go off so smoothly.
- Mayor Rife also had a certificate for Jim and Donna Mason for their many years of time given to the Peach Festival. They were not present to accept their certificate; however, Mrs. Bilow stated that they would not be resigning from the Peach Festival Committee after all to everyone's relief. We will send their certificate to them..

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Mayor Rife and Ms. Haddick took turns reading the synopsis from each of the six ordinances that have been drafted for Wyoming. Second reading and adoption will be scheduled for the October meeting. These ordinances are as follows:
 - Ordinance #1-11 An Ordinance Governing the Adoption, Amendment, or Repeal of Ordinances
 - Ordinance #19-07 – Repeal – Cable Television Rates
 - Ordinance #2-11 An Ordinance Regulating Excess Noise in the Town of Wyoming
 - Ordinance #3-11 An Ordinance Governing the Acceptance of Streets and Related Utilities into the Town Limits of the Town of Wyoming.
 - Ordinance #4-11 An Ordinance Establishing Regulations for the Town of Wyoming Park and Providing Penalties for Violations Thereof
 - Ordinance #5-11 An Ordinance Governing Dangerous Buildings and Structures
- Kent County MPO, Town of Camden and Town of Wyoming are planning a walking tour of Camden and Wyoming on Thursday, September 22, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. The tour will begin at the C W Fire Hall. All residents are invited to attend.

CORRESPONDENCE

- All correspondence is on file at Town Hall if anyone is interested in seeing it.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- A Town Council Meeting – 10/3/11, 7:30 pm, Annex
- B. Planning & Zoning – 9/13/11, 7:30 pm, Annex
- C. CWSWA – 9/13/11, 7:00 pm, CWSWA office
- D. Special Town Council Meeting – 9/20/11, 7:30 pm, Annex

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

Mayor Rife had Council take a break and then go into executive session.

Council entered executive session at 9:43 p.m.

Council returned to regular session at 10:19 p.m.

Ms. Stokes motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Witt seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Haddick, Town Clerk